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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6250

BILL NUMBER: SB 70

NOTE PREPARED: Nov 23, 2009

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Adoption and Paternity Proceeding.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Boots

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires a petition to establish the paternity of a child who is the subject of an adoption proceeding to be filed in the court having jurisdiction over the adoption proceeding. The bill provides that a person contesting an adoption must file either a motion to contest the adoption or a petition to establish paternity.

Effective Date: July 1, 2010.

Explanation of State Expenditures:

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The Division of State Court Administration reports adoption proceedings have exclusive jurisdiction and paternity petitions are filed in the same court for consolidation. Currently a majority of petitions to establish paternity are filed in the same court that has jurisdiction regarding a child's adoption proceeding. For the cases where a petition to establish paternity is not filed in the same court as the adoption proceeding, additional work must be performed by court staff to consolidate the two petitions and transport the paternity petition to the court with appropriate jurisdiction. This bill may decrease the workload of court staff. However, any reduction in workload is expected to be minimal.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected: Local courts.

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